

**Bedford Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Thursday, February 5, 2015 - Regular Session
Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room**

Members Present: Cathy Cordes (at-large member), Chair; Margot Fleischman (Selectmen, Park Commissioner); Don Corey (Historic Preservation Commission); Robin Steele (Recreation Commission); Eugene Clerkin (Housing Authority); Steven Hagan (Conservation Commission); Christina Wilgren (Bedford Housing Partnership); Vito LaMura (at-large member)

Absent: Shawn Hanegan (Planning Board)

Also Present: Assistant Town Manager Jessica Porter; Selectman Caroline Fedele; Public Works Director Roy Sorenson; Ground Superintendent Dennis Freeman; Recreation Director Amy Hamilton; Barbara Perry, Finance Committee; Terry Gleason, Bicycle Advisory Committee; Elizabeth Hacala, Press Representative

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Cordes opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

2. 7:30 Public Hearing – Spring Program and Plan

**Mr. Corey made a motion to open the public hearing. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.
The motion passed 6-0-0.**

Bicycle Advisory Committee chair Terry Gleason requested funds for an outdoor bicycle repair stand. The MAPC sent out an update that estimated the cost of the repair stand at \$1,100. Mr. Gleason informed the committee that it could cost around \$700 depending on the model. The location of the repair stand would be at the Depot as that is a high traffic area for bicyclists. Chair Cordes requested a better estimate if possible before the Town Meeting warrant is closed on February 17, 2015.

Public Works Director Roy Sorenson updated the committee on the status of the field design on the former St. Michael's property. The design proposes the installation of one natural turf multi-purpose field to help mitigate the supply and demand problem. Constructing two fields on this property would be too tight and close to the roadway. There is enough room for the installation of practice field. The baseball field would need to be realigned as well.

The committee asked why a synthetic turf field will not be installed. Mr. Sorenson replied that it is more viable to do this option first. The redevelopment of B field as synthetic turf was discussed by the Recreation Commission but it will be a while before that project is ready whereas this project is ready right now.

Ms. Fleischman pointed out that the contract has already been signed for the development of fields at the former St. Michael's property

Citizen Michelle Saber expressed concern about the legality of the fields and questioned whether it violated the variance. Chair Cordes stated that the Community Preservation Committee is not responsible for discussing the legality of the project. That is the responsibility of the Selectmen.

Ms. Wilgren will obtain more information for the proposed housing projects as many of the requests are in the preliminary stages.

Mr. LaMura made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Steele seconded the motion.
The motion passed 8-0-0.

3. Review of Submitted Requests for FY2016

- a. Affordable Housing Reserves (\$350,000)

Ms. Steele moved to recommend Town Meeting amend the FY15 Community Preservation Budget by reducing the amount appropriated to the Affordable Housing Reserve by \$107,000 for a revised appropriation of \$243,000. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

- b. Affordable Housing Consultant (\$15,000)

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$15,000 for the Affordable Housing Consultant from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura

The motion passed 8-0-0.

- c. Historic Properties Preservation Fund (\$100,000)

Ms. Steele moved to recommend Town Meeting approval of \$75,000 be transferred to the Historic Properties Preservation Fund from FY16 funds. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

- d. Bicycle Repair Stand (\$1,300)

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$1,100 for a Bicycle Repair Stand from FY16 funds. Ms. Fleischman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

- e. Pedestrian Bridges (\$300,000) – for Washington Street and Lantern Lane

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$175,000 for the Washington Street Bridge project from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

4. Review of Capital Requests

- a. Athletic Field Development (\$800,000)

Mr. LaMura move to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$600,000 for Athletic Field Development from FY16 funds. Mr. Corey seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

- b. Bike Path Refurbishment (\$56,265)

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$56,265 for Refurbishment of the Narrow Gauge Rail Trail from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$190,175 for the Town Center Bond Payment from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$467,763 for the 350A Concord Road Bond Payment from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$47,068 for the Town Hall MEP Project Bond Payment from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$10,000 for Administrative Costs from FY16 funds. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

Ms. Steele moved to recommend to Town Meeting approval of \$166,660.10 to be placed in Affordable Housing Reserves from FY16 funds in order to meet our 10% requirement. Mr. LaMura seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

5. Review of Budget

These recommendations will be presented to the Finance Committee and Selectmen next week.

6. Amendments to FY15 Appropriations

There were none.

7. Community Preservation Coalition – (anticipate receipt of Dues Notice)

Staff has not received the notice for this yet.

8. Minutes – January 13, 2015

Mr. Corey made a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2015 as amended. Ms. Steele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0-2. Mr. LaMura and Ms. Wilgren abstained as they were not present.

9. Other Comments/ Discussion of Future Requests (Six Year Plan)

There were no other comments.

10. New Business

Chair Cordes informed the committee that Town Counsel has the authority to make decisions at the local level concerning CPA projects. In the past the committee has contacted the lawyers at the DOR.

The committee discussed changing CPA legislation so that CPA funds can be used to paint the exterior of buildings.

11. Schedule Next Meeting

There is no meeting planned at this time.

Mr. LaMura a motion to adjourn. Ms. Steele seconded the motion.

The motion passed 8-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.